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Most child sex abuse occurs within family, Denver doctors say

Study disputes homosexual link

Associated Press

DENVER — A child is 100 times more likely to be molested by a family member than by a homosexual, a study shows.

"Our data would suggest that families really need help," said Dr. Tom Roesler of Denver, who conducted the study with his wife, Dr. Carole Jenny. "Most child abuse is committed within families."

The study of child molestation cases at Children's Hospital indicates most molesters are simply adults who prefer sex with children.

"They don't discriminate between boys and girls," said Roesler, a child psychiatrist with National Jewish Hospital.

The question of homosexual molesters has become a political issue this fall in the debate over Amendment 2, a proposal that would ban laws giving civil rights protection based on sexual orientation. The amendment is sponsored by Colorado for Family Values, a Colorado Springs group. Campaign literature distributed by the group states that gays commit up to one-half of all child molestations.

Roesler said he and his wife, who is an associate pediatrics professor at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, decided to look into the child molestation issue because of the debate over Amendment 2.

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The doctors reviewed every case of suspected child molestation at Children's Hospital from July 1, 1991, to June 30. Their findings revealed one of the 387 cases likely involved a gay perpetrator.

During their research, they eliminated cases of children whose medical conditions mimicked physical abuse, babies who couldn't name perpetrators and children who had been molested by other youngsters. That left 265 children.

The doctors said boys and girls alike overwhelmingly said they were abused by heterosexual men who were family members. All but eight of the 219 girls accused men, 166 of whom were family members.

Thirty named family friends, eight named school personnel and seven named strangers, the study showed. Most boys also were molested by heterosexual male family members.

Residents near Copper Mountain hoping to create town of Wheeler

Associated Press

BRECKENRIDGE — Residents near the Copper Mountain ski resort hope to incorporate their community in order to gain local control and benefit from local tax collections. The new town would be called Wheeler.

The residents, led by Tom Malmgren, have submitted a petition supporting the idea to Summit County District Court. A district judge will review the petition, which could then be sent to the Summit County commissioners.

"It's a combination of being able to benefit from sales tax revenue and to proceed to the next natural step in a growing area," Malmgren said.

While the petition has the support of about 40 local residents, the ski resort's operator, Copper Mountain Inc., is against the idea.

"We don't think that now's the time to do this. We don't think it's in the best interest of the homeowners," said Harry Mosgrove, the company's marketing president.

Mosgrove argued that most area homeowners wouldn't be able to vote because they live outside the area, maintaining their resort properties as vacation homes. If a town was incorporated, he said, that would leave power with a small group of year-round residents.

County officials estimate the region's permanent population is less than 200.

Mosgrove also said a new city government would duplicate services already provided by the county.

But Malmgren believes residents would save money under incorporation, arguing that residents now pay twice for some services offered by the county and local special districts.

Incorporation "certainly does not appear to have hindered the success of Vail, Aspen, Steamboat, et cetera," he said. "In fact, it has probably had very positive impacts on the success of those areas that Copper Mountain is lacking."

The company has told Malmgren that if the town is incorporated, it would forbid any use of the phrases "Copper" or "Copper Mountain."

Incorporation supporters, therefore, want to restore the town to its late-1800s name, "Wheeler," after a former judge and developer in the area.

Luck abounds for Denver lotto winner

Associated Press

DENVER — A 73-year-old retired Denver dental assistant who claimed a $5 million lotto jackpot Monday said she was feeling lucky when she sat down to watch Saturday night's drawing.

Blanche Cole and her husband Don, 77, picked up their first check — $95,000 after taxes — at the Colorado Lottery office in Denver on Monday. They will receive 24 more checks annually, each growing by 3.7 percent. The final check, to be issued in 2016, will be for $298,934, Colorado Lottery officials said.

Cole said she had won a bridge game with her husband and some friends 15 minutes before Saturday night's lotto drawing and was feeling lucky. She and her husband, who is a retired tool and die maker, settled in to watch the drawing on television.

As is their habit, they jotted down the numbers from their four Quick Picks, then underlined numbers that matched those drawn. Their excitement grew as the numbers drawn Saturday night — 9, 12, 25, 31, 34 and 41 — matched those on one of the Quick Picks.

"I was surprised to get three in a row, then four, and almost shocked to have five," she said. "When I underlined the sixth number, I just looked at Don and yelled, 'We did it!'"

The Coles plan to spend some of the money on redecorating their home and probably will buy a new car. They said their primary goal will be to use the money to provide for the future of their four children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

3 from Springs among 6 held in forest protest

Associated Press

BAYFIELD — Three Colorado Springs residents were among six people arrested Monday on suspicion of blocking a U.S. Forest Service road that leads to a logging area.

The six were booked into the La Plata County Jail and released on $5,000 bond each after appearing before a federal magistrate. By midday Monday, the road was cleared and loggers proceeded to the timber site, officials said.

Thirty protesters later staged a rally at the site. They were members of Ancient Forest Rescue and San Juan Earth First! Many also attended a rally Sunday to protest natural gas drilling in the HD Mountains.

The arrests and protest stemmed from a Forest Service decision to allow Stone Container Corp. of South Fork to log 281 acres in the San Juan National Forest about 30 miles northeast of Bayfield.

The timber sale consists of a select cut that includes 5,750 individual trees, or 1.7 million board feet from the area.

Mike Reamer, a Forest Service law-enforcement official, said rangers doing a routine check of the area early Monday found several trees that had been placed across the road leading to the timber sale area.

The six campers were taken into custody.

During their court hearing, the six identified themselves as: Sarah Bly, 19, Sean Bohac, 19, and Bill Bromage, 20, all of Colorado Springs; Jeff Schwartz, 19, and Matthew Sawyer, 19, both of Boulder; and Richard Aurand, 37, of Portland, Ore.

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Group works to save wild cats

Sterilization used as an alternative to killing animals

Associated Press

LYONS — Three Front Range women say they can control the population of cats living wild without resorting to euthanasia.

Lisa Booker, Pat Peluso and Joy Skow operate a nonprofit organization called Every Creature Counts on a 17-acre plot owned by Lisa Booker and her husband, Sam.

The women look after and care for stray cats from Loveland to Denver. Lisa Booker estimates that since January at least 400 abandoned cats have been captured, fed, vaccinated, spayed or neutered. The cats then are adopted or returned to their old territory by the group.

Every week, Sam Booker takes homeless cats to one of three local veterinarians for inoculations and spaying or neutering.

By capturing, inoculating and spaying or neutering a wild cat, the number of strays can be steadily reduced, Lisa Booker said.

"I'd love to take care of even more cats. There are so many stray cats around," Lisa Booker said.

"I've never been able to say no to a cat yet."

Peluso works with local businesses and stores to support the nonprofit group, which was formed in July. Skow spends many of her nights trapping stray cats in mobile home parks, shopping centers or businesses.

Lisa Booker estimates that the group has spent from $500 to $1,000 a month to buy food and medicine for the collection of cats. The felines eat up to 200 pounds of dry food a week.

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> **Lisa Booker**

In some weeks, there have been as many as 40 cats bunking in the Bookers' heated garage and storage area, bathrooms or even a special cat bedroom.

"Since cats are territorial, they'll keep out other cats. If they're healthy and they cannot reproduce, you'll have a stabilized population," said Lisa Booker, who hopes one day to build a cat shelter at her home.

Race to pass wilderness bill goes down to wire in Congress

Associated Press

GRAND JUNCTION — Time is running short for the Colorado wilderness bill, as negotiators try to craft a compromise before Congress adjourns next week, an aide to U.S. Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell said Monday.

At stake is more than 670,000 acres of potential new wilderness areas, which have been debated for a decade.

Campbell's press secretary, Carol Knight, said Congress is scheduled to adjourn sometime next week, so negotiators probably have to reach an agreement this week.

Negotiators representing Colorado's congressional delegation hope to forge a compromise and bypass a formal conference committee, Knight said.

Any compromise must be approved by the full House and Senate. If Congress adjourns before those votes occur, the wilderness bill dies. The bill would designate 21 new wilderness areas covering 670,900 acres and another 83,000 areas as recreation areas.

Still unresolved is whether the bill will create a federal water right in new wilderness areas. Colorado's congressional delegation opposes the right; House Interior Committee Chairman Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., supports it.

Knight said negotiators from the Colorado congressional delegation wanted to meet during the weekend, but staffers with the House Interior Committee and the subcommittee on parks and public lands declined.

"I would encourage people in Colorado who are interested in this and want a wilderness bill this year to call the committee," she said. "I don't think a lot of these people back here realize how important this is to Colorado."

FOR THE RECORD

BULLETIN BOARD

Meeting site shifted: A community meeting to discuss problems in the Deerfield Hills area will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Turman Elementary School, 3425 Springnite Drive, not in the community center as originally announced by Colorado Springs police officials.

Job fair scheduled: Peterson Air Force Base will hold a job fair from 9 a.m to 5 p.m. today and Wednesday in Hangar 1, Building 140 at the base. Call 554-6141 for information.

Falcon schools slate public meetings: Falcon School District 49 will hold public meetings on the school bond election at 7 p.m. today at Falcon Middle School, 1750 Piros Drive, and at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Evans Elementary School, 1675 Winnebago Drive. Call 495-3601 for information.

Benefit luncheon scheduled: A celebrity waiters luncheon to benefit the Rocky Mountain

420 N. Nevada Ave. Cost is $15.

■ "Anxiety: Why Can't I Relax Like Everyone Else?", 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 13, Rockrimmon Library. Cost is $15.

■ "Networking Your Abilities", 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 15-16, Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave. Cost is $15 per class or $25 for the series.

■ "Achieving Intimacy", 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 at 179 Parkside Drive. Cost for individuals is $15 per class or $55 for the series; for couples the price is $25 per class or $100 for the series.

■ "Learning to Hear What They Say: Communications Skills", 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at Penrose Library. Cost is $15.

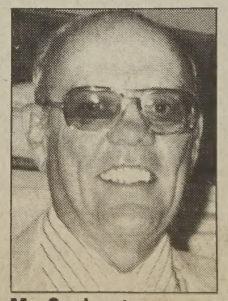
For information call 471-8300.

Public forum planned: The Resource Exchange will hold a public-planning forum from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Hillside Community Center, 925 S. Institute St. Call 380-1100 for information.

OBITUARIES

ROGER D. SNOBERGER, 61, of Colorado Springs died Sept. 21, 1992, at a local hospital. He was the owner of Miama Corp.

Private services are scheduled. Cremation is planned. Alternative Cremation and Funeral Service, 1820 S. Cascade Ave., is handling arrangements.



Mr. Snoberger

Mr. Snoberger was born Oct. 25, 1930, in Hastings, Neb., to Claude and Violet Van Trump Snoberger.

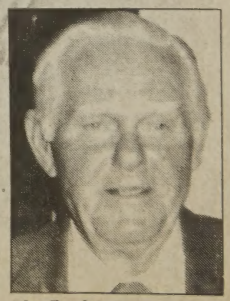
He had lived in Colorado Springs for 20 years.

He was in the Air Force from 1955 to 1959 and received the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Award.

Mr. Snoberger was married Sept. 14, 1990, in Las Vegas to Nancy De Loach, who survives.

B. JACK DURHAM, 75, of Colorado Springs died Sept. 27, 1992, at his home. He had been a plumbing and heating salesman.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Nolan Funeral Home, 225 N. Weber St. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Broadmoor Community Church, 315 Lake Ave., with the Rev. F. Russell Mitman officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery, 1001 S. Hancock Ave. Nolan is handling arrangements.



Mr. Durham

Mr. Durham was born Jan. 24, 1917, in Dennison, Texas, to Sam B. and Pearl M. (Chilcote) Durham.

He had lived in Colorado Springs since 1957 and also had lived in Stillwater, Okla., and Wich-